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8 BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

11 In the Matter of ) FPPC No.: 02/408  
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13 MARIBEL DE LA TORRE and FAMILIES FOR )  
14 MARIBEL DE LA TORRE, )  
15 Respondents. )  
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17 Complainant Mark Krausse, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission,  
18 hereby submits this Default Decision and Order for consideration by the Fair Political Practices  
19 Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

20 Pursuant to the California Administrative Procedure Act,<sup>1</sup> Respondents MARIBEL DE LA  
21 TORRE and FAMILIES FOR MARIBEL DE LA TORRE have been served with all of the documents  
22 necessary to conduct an administrative hearing regarding the above-captioned matter, including the  
23 following:

- 24 1. A Finding of Probable Cause;  
25 2. An Accusation;  
26 3. A Notice of Defense (Two Copies);  
27 4. A Statement to Respondent; and,

28 <sup>1</sup> The California Administrative Procedure Act, which governs administrative adjudications, is contained in sections 11370 through 11529 of the Government Code.

5. Sections 11506, 11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7 of the Government Code.

Government Code section 11506 provides that failure by a respondent to file a Notice of Defense within fifteen days after being served with an Accusation shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing on the merits of the Accusation. The Statement to Respondent, served on Respondents MARIBEL DE LA TORRE and FRIENDS OF MARIBEL DE LA TORRE, explicitly states that a Notice of Defense must be filed in order to request a hearing. Respondents failed to file a Notice of Defense within fifteen days of being served with an Accusation.

Respondents MARIBEL DE LA TORRE and FRIENDS OF MARIBEL DE LA TORRE committed ten violations of the Political Reform Act, as described in Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate summary of the facts in this matter.

This Default Decision and Order is submitted to the Commission to obtain a final disposition of this matter.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Krausse  
Executive Director  
Fair Political Practices Commission

## ORDER

The Commission issues this Decision and Order and imposes an administrative penalty of \$12,500 (Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) upon Respondents MARIBEL DE LA TORRE and FRIENDS OF MARIBEL DE LA TORRE, payable to the “General Fund of the State of California.”

IT IS SO ORDERED, effective upon execution below by the Chairman of the Fair Political Practices Commission at Sacramento, California.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Liane M. Randolph, Chairman  
Fair Political Practices Commission